296. **Mr. C. A. Ouseph.**—Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table the petitions referred to in the above question, and copies of enclosures sent with the petitions?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—The Government do not consider that any public purpose will be served by publishing these papers.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Is not allowing people to understand that their money is being misappropriated or is not being misappropriated serving a public purpose?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—The answer gives what is required.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—The answer does not give what is required. My question is whether allowing people to understand that their money is being misappropriated or is not being misappropriated, whether this is not serving a public purpose.

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—I do not think that such a question can be raised as a supplementary question.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Sir, I want a ruling on that point.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—That supplementary question is asked for an expression of opinion, and it is tabooed under Rule 8 (d).

The nomination of Mr. S. S. Koder as Chairman, Mattancheri Municipal Council.

297. **Mr. A. B. Salem.**—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state the date on which they received the resolution of the Mattancheri Municipal Council requesting them to nominate Mr. S. S. Koder as its Chairman;

(b) the date on which they so nominated him?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a) 6th July 1926.

(b) 2nd November 1926.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I know it was delayed for four months. What is it due to?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—It was due to consideration. The matter was being considered for 4 months.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Am I to understand that?

Rent suits and suits for eviction in the Municipal area of Mattancheri.

298. **Mr. A. B. Salem.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the number of rent suits and suits for eviction of tenants from houses or buildings relating to town properties in the Municipal areas of Mattancheri;

(b) the average duration of such suits?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a) and (b). No rent suits or suits for eviction were instituted.

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Mr. A. B. Salem.—Am I to understand that it is absolutely correct ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—As it stands, it must be taken as correct.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—It is not a supplementary question.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—It is the main question. It is given that no rent suits or suits for eviction were instituted.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—It is given there.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I ask whether the question is answered. What I wanted to know is whether you misunderstood the question; because the words "town properties" come in there. Therefore, I ask the question whether enquiry has been made into the cases, before the answer was given.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Answers are given after making enquiries.

The Poor House.

299. **Mr. A. B. Salem.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the total amount they have contributed up-to-date for the Poor House at Ernakulam ;

(b) whether they would be pleased to place any report on its working on the table ;

(c) the total amount available for the said Poor House from any source whatsoever as on the 1st Tulam 1102 ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a) The Government have incurred an expenditure of Rs. 5,000 against a contribution of nearly Rs. 3,000 made by the Ernakulam Municipality for this purpose.

(b) Regular working has not yet been started, owing to want of proper accommodation, etc.

(c) No funds have been specially set apart for this purpose.

Certain publications in "the Malabar Herald."

300. **Mr. A. B. Salem.**—Will the Government be pleased to state,—

(a) whether they subscribe for the *Malabar Herald* published in Cochin;

(b) whether they have perused a letter to the editor on 'The Depressed Classes of Cochin' that appeared in *the Malabar Herald* issue on Saturday, the 13th November 1926;

(c) whether the memorial to His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor-General stated therein was referred to them for remarks ; and

(d) whether statements made therein are in reality true facts or not ?

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